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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM CHIEF OR CAUCASUS MUSLIM BOARD TO SR PANDITH

¶1. Summary. Post transmits the following letter of congratulations from SheikhuIslam Allahshukur Pashazade, the head of the Caucasus Muslim Board, to Special Representative for Muslim Communities Farah Pandith. The original letter is in the Azerbaijani language.

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To: Ms. Farah Pandith, US Special Representative for Muslim Communities

In the name of the only Creator!

Please accept our congratulations on the occasion of your appointment to a new position in the U.S. Presidential Administration, and our prayers for the Almighty's luck to be bestowed upon you.

It is a reality that events of global scale significantly depend on the U.S. position and its approach. Everyone is awaiting wise decisions and fair steps from the new U.S. Administration. From this point of view, as a Muslim religious leader I am glad you are being appointed to such a responsible position. After having met you while you were on a visit to Azerbaijan, I have grounds on which to express my opinion on your outlook and deep knowledge.

I firmly believe that your activities will set new relations of higher quality, reciprocal understanding, and trust between the U.S. and the Islamic world, and - Inshallah - will serve for the benefit of bringing more attentive consideration of a number of important realities.

May the Almighty be always with you!

I look forward to seeing you in the future.

SheikhuIslam
Allahshukur PASHAZADE
Head of the Caucasus Muslim Board.

(End Text.)

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